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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 MONICA ARAIZA, IFRAIN
13 ARAIZA, AND DOES 1 TO 5,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
17 BUREAU OF PRISONS WESTERN
18 REGIONAL OFFICE-FCI LOMPOC,
19 AND DOES 2- 100, inclusive,

20 Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-04575-GW-JPR

**DECLARATION OF
YOLANDA SANCHEZ**

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2 1. I am the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") at the
3 Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles, California. I have been employed by BOP
4 since February 2004 and have held the position of Paralegal Specialist since October 2018.
5 The facts set forth in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge, review of the
6 records in this action, and discussions with appropriately knowledgeable persons. If called
7 as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

8 2. The Los Angeles Consolidated Legal Center provides legal services to the
9 Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles, California; the Federal Correctional
10 Institution in Terminal Island, California; the Federal Correctional Complex in Victorville,
11 California; and the Federal Correctional Complex in Lompoc, California. The duties of
12 my paralegal position include, among other things, assisting in the processing and
13 maintaining of administrative tort claims. I also have access to inmate records maintained
14 in the ordinary course of business.

15 3. The duties of my paralegal position include, among other things, assisting in
16 the processing and maintaining of administrative tort claims and administrative remedies.
17 I also have access to inmate records maintained in the ordinary course of business.

18 4. I have reviewed the Third Amended Complaint ("TAC") in Monica Araiza
19 v. The State of California, And Bureau of Prisons Western Regional Office-FCI Lompoc,
20 Case No. 2:22-cv-04575-GW-JP, filed by Monica Araiza and Efrain Araiza ("Plaintiffs").
21 I have also been asked to search for any tort claims filed by Plaintiffs within BOP
22 databases.

23 5. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Claim For
24 Damage, Injury, or Death Form dated December 23, 2021, for administrative tort claim
25 no. TRT-WXR-2022-03890 ("Administrative Claim"). As a Paralegal Specialist, I
26 regularly receive administrative tort claims such as Exhibit A in the ordinary course of
27 business.

28 6. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the BOP's denial letter

1 dated April 13, 2022, regarding Plaintiffs' Administrative Claim. As a Paralegal
2 Specialist, I regularly receive and process denial letters in response to administrative tort
3 claims such as Exhibit B in the ordinary course of business.

4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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6 Executed on July 12, 2022, at Los Angeles, California.
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9 YOLANDA SANCHEZ
10 Paralegal Specialist
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